

## House Resolution No. 926

**Whereas**, the congregation of St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal (A.M.E.) Church in St. Louis, Missouri, will proudly welcome the Reverend and Mrs. Alvin L. Smith to their church family during a special celebration and reception to be held March 24, 2002; and

**Whereas**, Pastor Smith served the flocks at Bethel A.M.E. Church in Spokane, Washington, St. Mark A.M.E. Church in Atlanta, Georgia, Bethel Memorial A.M.E. Church in San Diego, California, Grant Memorial A.M.E. Church in Chicago, Illinois, Olive Chapel A.M.E. Church in Kirkwood, Allen Chapel AME Church in Kansas City, and St. Paul A.M.E. Church in San Bernardino, California, before joining the congregation at St. Paul A.M.E. Church in St. Louis, since which time the Church has flourished and the membership roster has continued to grow; and

**Whereas**, a graduate of Turner Seminary at Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta where he received his Master of Divinity degree, Pastor Smith attained the rank of Lieutenant in the U.S. Navy, served in Japan and Korea, and fulfilled his duties as Naval Hospital Reserve Chaplain for more than eight years; and

**Whereas**, a proud recipient of a scholarship from the Kauffman Foundation to participate in a Leadership/Community Development Program, Pastor Smith has distinguished himself as a member of numerous task forces including the Child Abuse Task Force for the United States Naval Hospital and the Ad Hoc Committee Against Crime, just to name a few; and

**Whereas**, a native of Los Angeles, California, Pastor Smith is married to the Reverend Beatrice Phillips Smith, a kind and loving woman who has compiled an enviable list of achievement as Executive Director of Christian Counseling Services of the East Valley (CCS), consultant for non-profit organizations, and member of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority and the National Association of Female Executives; and

**Whereas**, Pastor Smith enjoys spending his free time with his wife, Beatrice, and their son, Maurice, who attends Bloomington Christian Middle School in Rialto, California:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, unanimously join together with the congregation of St. Paul A.M.E. Church in welcoming the Reverend and Mrs. Alvin L. Smith to the fine City of St. Louis and to St. Paul A.M.E. Church, and in wishing them only the very best as they continue to serve the Christian mission; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the Reverend and Mrs. Alvin L. Smith, as a mark of our esteem for them.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Connie Johnson  
District No. 61

I, Jim Kreider, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 926, adopted March 21, 2002.

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Jim Kreider, Speaker